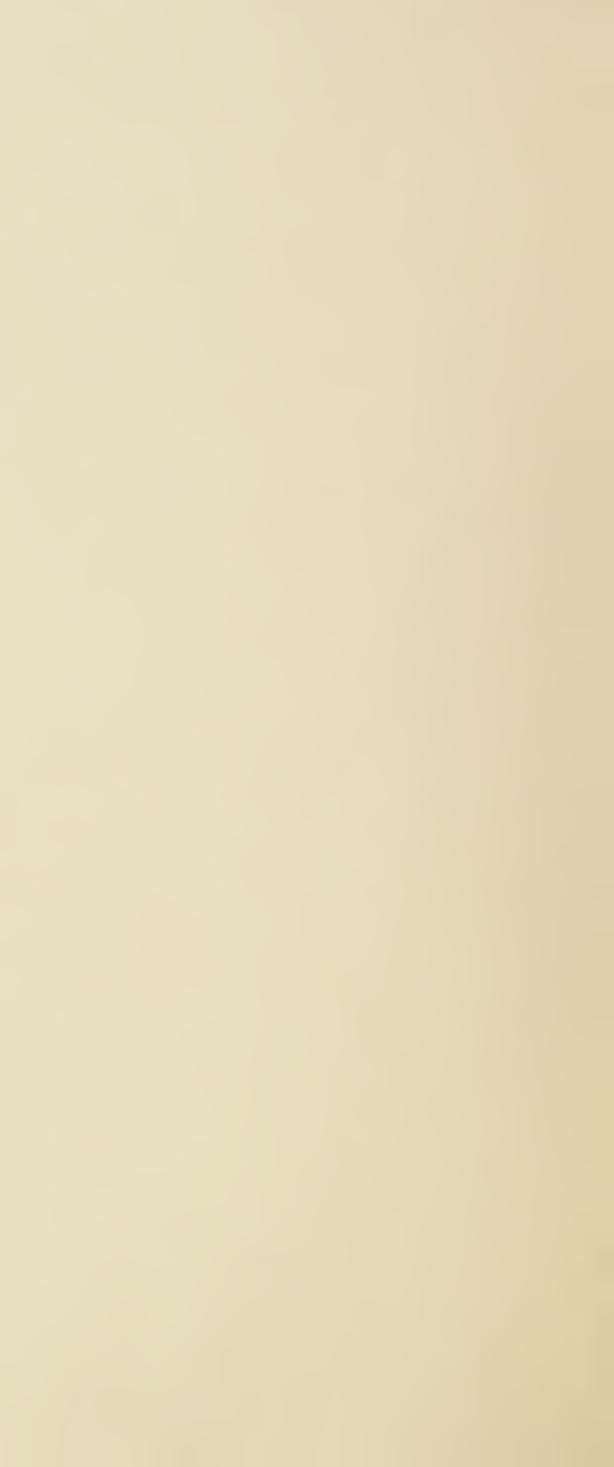
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FRAGRANT GLADIOLUS TRISTIS HYBRIDS

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FOREWORD

For several years we have been collecting and testing scarce and little known bulbous plants from both hemispheres and from every continent and have sent out a selected list of those varieties which we were willing to offer on their merits. The lists have been received with interest and the material delivered in response to orders has aroused favorable comment. We are therefore mailing you this, our fourth list, which contains several new items, with greater confidence in our unusual and attractive stock than we have felt before.

All of our bulbs have been grown under ideal soil and climatic conditions and have received careful and expert cultivation.

Wherever our flowers have been exhibited their novelty and beauty have so interested the public that a rapidly increasing demand for our material has been aroused among garden lovers.

In reading our suggestions as to culture, use, hardiness, etc., it should be remembered that, unless otherwise definitely stated, we refer to climatic conditions similar to those of Southern California.

This year, as heretofore, our stock of some varieties is very limited. The demand for a number of items has increased more rapidly than our stock and in consequence we are obliged to withdraw them entirely from the market this year. As to some other items our available stock will doubtless, as in previous years, be inadequate to supply the demand, so we suggest booking your orders as early as possible. We will gladly furnish any additional information you may wish.

Please note that wherever it has been possible we have lowered our prices.

Bulbs will be ready for delivery about August first, unless otherwise stated.

While we use great care to ensure that we describe and name our material correctly and to see that only material of the best quality is sent out in response to orders, we give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs, or plants we send out, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. We quote subject to immediate acceptance, stocks unsold, confirmation of orders, stenographic errors and omissions, delays and contingencies beyond our control.

We sell fifty bulbs at the hundred rate. Prices include postage unless otherwise specified. The larger Amaryllids and all clumps sent by express, charges for transportation C. O. D. For California orders, please add 3% to the price of bulbs, for the state tax.

What could you buy for a gardening friend which would be more keenly appreciated than such beautiful and rare material as we are offering in this list?



ALSTROMERIA—PELEGRINA ALEA

ALSTROMERIA

Plants from South America, useful for cutting and attractive in the garden; belonging to the Amaryllis family and characterized by masses of thickish or tuberous roots attached to a crown from which arise leafy stems bearing clusters of interesting and colorful flowers. Most varieties bloom in the spring and flourish out of doors in mild climates. Indoors they grow readily in pots or pans. They do best in partial shade in a sandy loam with plenty of humus. Good drainage is essential. As the thick fleshy roots are easily damaged in lifting, it is best to leave the plants undisturbed as long as possible after they are once established. After flowering in the spring, water should be gradually withdrawn as the plant ripens and very little given until growth starts again in the fall.

A. chilensis

Flowers of varying shades of pink. Rests in late summer. A fine cut flower.

Clumps, \$3.00 per 12

30c each

A. pelegrina

Called "Lily of the Incas." Flowers dark rose with the inner petals heavily spotted with reddish purple, 1 to 1½ inches across, in a large umbel on 14 to 18 inch stems. Very vigorous and showy both as a cut flower and in the border.

3.00 per 12

30c each

A. pelegrina alba

"White Lily of the Incas." Very beautiful form of A. pelegrina with white unspotted flowers.

3.00 per 12

30c each

AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA ROSEA

A great improvement on the old Amaryllis belladonna. Throat a clear white, petals edged a deep blush pink. Very fragrant. August bloomer. Express C. O. D.

\$40.00 per 100

50c each

ARTHROPODIUM CIRRHATUM

New Zealand Rock Lily. Evergreen herbaceous perennial. Handsome the year round. Prefers partial or dense shade. Indifferent as to culture. Leaves deep green, about two inches wide, one to two feet long. White flowers in spring a half to one inch in diameter on a much branched panicle one to three feet in height. Seedling plants delivered during late summer and fall.

\$3.00 per 12

30c each

BABIANA

Spring flowering Cape bulbs needing the same culture as freesias. Very interesting, attractive and useful in pots, edgings or rock gardens.

B. hybrids

Fine mixture of various shades of red, blue and pink. Bloom over a long period. Stem 6 to 12 inches.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. plicata

Large wide-open flowers with an interesting color combination of cream and lavender. Blooms early, is low growing and has a strong, pleasant freesia-like fragrance.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. rubro-cyanea

Flowers blue with bright red centers.

\$7.00 per 50

\$1.75 per 12



BESSERA ELEGANS

B. sulphurea

Low growing cream and yellow flowers with bright blue stamens. Blooms early and has a strong spicy fragrance.

\$7.00 per 50

\$1.75 per 12

BESSERA ELEGANS

New introduction from Mexico. Dainty bell-shaped flowers, orange red outside, creamy white with orange stripe inside, with blue stamens, hanging in an interesting umbel from the tip of a graceful wiry stem 18 to 24 inches tall. Foliage inconspicuous. Blooms freely from July to last of September. Cuts well and is exceptionally interesting in flower arrangements. A striking addition to the summer garden, suggesting as it does, the burst of a miniature rocket. Should be dug in winter except in milder climates. Delivery early winter. Eastern customers may treat same as gladiolus.

\$20.00 per 100

\$2.75 per 12

BLETILLA (Bletia)

Terrestrial orchid from China and Japan. Easily grown in ordinary garden soil with plenty of moisture. Prefers half shade. Blooms in spring. *Hardy under all conditions*. Delivery late fall. We sell only mature blooming size clumps, with at least three leads.

B. hyacinthina

Bright green plaited leaves 1 to 2 inches wide, 12 to 15 inches high. Three to five dainty orchid shaped lavender flowers on stems 10 to 15 inches tall. Cuts well.

\$8.00 per 12

75c each

B. hyacinthina alba

Similar to B. hyacinthina except slightly smaller. Has bright clear white flowers.

\$10.00 per 12

\$1.00 each

Recommended for gardens on Atlantic and Northwestern Pacific coasts.

BRODIAEA

Bulbs native to the Pacific coast, producing one or two long slender leaves near the ground and slender stiff stems bearing a head of attractive flowers of great lasting quality when cut. All are hardy under most conditions, naturalize easily in any well drained soil and are also very useful and easy to grow under glass when given the same treatment as freesias. All should be dried out and rested after flowering. Our bulbs grown under ideal cultural conditions are superior to collected wild bulbs.

B. capitata

Called California Hyacinth. Slender stems 12 to 18 in. high terminate in a close cluster of violet-blue flowers. In mild climates flowers in October, six weeks after planting, and remains in bloom till March or April, producing as many as 20 flower stems from one bulb. Especially desirable in the garden and under glass. Those who know it only as a wild flower will hardly recognize it under cultivation so greatly does it improve in the size and profusion of its bloom.

\$6.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. ixioides

Known in California as Golden Star. Blooms in spring. Stem about 12 inches tall. Large



BRODIAEA CAPITATA

umbel of bright yellow flowers with darker line on outside of petal. Gay and cheerful in the garden. Does well under glass.

\$6.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. ixioides var.

Similar to B. ixiodes except flowers are a lighter shade of yellow and bloom three to four weeks earlier. Very desirable.

6.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

B. laxa

"Ithuriel's spear." Large cluster or umbel of bluish violet flowers on a two-foot stem. General appearance comparable to an Agapanthus flower. Blooms in spring. Likes partial shade.

\$12.00 per 100

\$2.00 per 12

CHLIDANTHUS FRAGRANS

Bright yellow trumpet shaped flowers on stems 12 to 15 inches tall. Cuts well. Strong, pleasant fragrance. Bulbs must be kept dry in fall and winter. Prefers full sun in any garden soil. Blooms in early summer. Delivery late fall.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

COOPERIA PEDUNCULATA

Common name: Giant Prairie Lily. The best species of this group, with the habit of Zephyranthes, but stronger. Evergreen. A good bulb for a shady spot. Flowers sporadically through the year, after being watered. Flowers white on stems about 12 inches.

\$2.00 per 12

20c each

DIERAMA PULCHERRIMA (related to Sparaxis

and Ixia).

These evergreen plants are ideal for edging pools. They flower almost continuously through the year, pink bells on wand-like scapes 3-4 feet tall.

Clumps, 50c each.

GLADIOLUS SPECIES

There are over one hundred species of gladiolus' the beauty, grace and usefulness of many of which have long been overlooked. We are now offering a few of these species and will have others as soon as sufficient stock can be developed. Of the present offerings the culture is the same as for freesias.

G. alatus

Interesting terra-cotta colored flowers with green lower segments. Spring blooming on stems 6 to 12 inches tall. Called "Little Roosters" in S. Africa because of their jaunty form. Desirable in rock gardens and pots.

\$7.00 per 50

\$1.75 per 12

G. tristis var. concolor

Creamy white flowers with pleasant spicy fragrance at night or when placed in a darkened room. Stems 15 to 18 inches tall. Blooms in early spring. Excellent for cutting and forcing.

\$9.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

GLADIOLUS TRISTIS HYBRIDS

A decided improvement on G. tristis var. concolor. Flowers resemble them but slightly larger and many nearly white. Stems 15 inches to 3 feet tall. Bloom earlier than G. tristis var. concolor and equally fragrant. Very desirable for cutting and forcing. See cover cut.

\$12.00 per 100

\$1.75 per 12

HAEMANTHUS COCCINEUS

"Blood flower." One of a large group of tropical and sub-tropical bulbs of the Amaryllis family all of which are interesting and curious and some very showy. This variety has two bright green opposite leaves 3 to 5 inches wide and one to two feet long lying flat on the ground, growing in the winter. The single bright red flower appears in the fall before the leaves. It is a large cluster or umbel 2 to 4 inches across composed of many small flowers closely placed. Stem 6 to 9 inches high, green heavily spotted with red. General appearance striking and curious.

\$1.50 each.

HABRANTHUS ADVENA (The Blood lily).

A fall bloomer bearing very dark red bell-shaped flowers about an inch across, stem 12 to 18 inches. Many flowers to each bulb.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

IRIS ENSATA

Winter blooming, blue flower 8-10 inches tall. Evergreen.

Clumps 25c each.

IRIS AUREA

Color a rich golden yellow, tall growing like I. ochroleuca. Makes a fine mass where a high key is needed. Excellent for cutting. August delivery.

Clumps, 25c each.

ISMENE CALATHINA (Hymenocallis)

Sometimes called the Basket Flower. Flowers corolla like, white with green stripe, in exceedingly fragrant umbels of two to five flowers on stalks one and one-half to two feet. The individual flowers are about three inches long and expand in succession with intervals of from ten to fourteen days. Spring flowering.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each



IXIA BLOEM ERF

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Recently introduced hybrid from S. Africa, quite different from other ixias. Blooms in late spring. Wiry stems 4 to 5 feet tall with 20 to 40 open flowers in a raceme at the top with several smaller flowering branches below. Color varies from pure white through shades of pink overlaid with a bluish tinge. Excellent for cutting. Should be planted in mass for the best effect. Fragrant.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.00 per 12

IXIA INCARNATA

A distinct novelty recently introduced from S. Africa. Light blue, bell-shaped flowers on slender stems 18 to 24 inches tall. Flowers do not close at night like other ixais. Has a strong, very pleasant, Freesia-like fragrance. Blooms early in Santa Barbara and cuts well.

\$14.00 per 100

* \$1.75 per 12



LACHENALIA PENDULA SUPERBA

LACHENALIA

Cape bulb new to this country but long known in England under the name of Cape Cowslip. These bulbs are especially useful for florists' work as they can be grown in flats or in the field and shifted into pots or baskets when in full bloom. All of them do well out of doors in milder climates and are showy in beds, borders, and rock gardens and all are easily grown under glass. Culture similar to freesias.

Large flowered forms have been hybridized. They have from one to two dozen generally pendulous, fire-cracker-like flowers, three-quarters to one inch in length on stems 6 to 9 inches and bloom from late November to February depending on the time of planting and the variety.

Small flowered forms have not been hybridized. The flowers are small and loosely borne in a tapering spike 8 to 12 inches high, and do not droop. Stamens and style in some varieties extend beyond the mouth of the flower. Keep dry after foliage ripens.

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Large Flowered Varieties

L. glaucina

Flowers bluish, shading from greenish blue at base to almost white at the tip; standing nearly upright on a 6 to 12 inch spike. Stem and two green leaves blotched with reddish brown and purple.

\$18.00 per 50

\$4.50 per 12

L. pendula superba

Flowers brilliant coral red tipped green and purple. Two or three tulip-like green leaves. One of the best and earliest. Excellent for florist use as a Christmas plant.

\$18.00 per 50

\$4.50 per 12

L. Rector of Cawston

Flowers scarlet, citron and green; free blooming. Two or three strap-shaped leaves with red spots.

\$10.00 per 50

\$2.50 per 12

L. tubiflora

Flowers creamy white, bluish at the base tipped with purple standing nearly upright on a 6 to 12 inch spike. Stem green mottled with purple. One green leaf.

\$12.00 per 50

\$3.00 per 12

L. unicolor var. fragrans

Flowers creamy white, violet at the base, tips flaring tinged with brownish purple. Stem green 6 to 10 inches. Two green leaves.

\$12.00 per 50

\$3.00 per 12

LEUCOCORYNE IXIOIDES ODORATA

"Glory of the Sun." Recent introduction from Chile; flowering in spring. Heads of large, fragrant flowers, blue with white center and golden stamens, carried gracefully on a wiry stem 12 to 18 inches tall. Requires same culture as freesias. Its beauty and long lasting qualities as a cut flower and its ease of culture make it an outstanding new plant.

\$25.00 per 100

\$4.00 per 12

LYCORIS RADIATA

Native of Japan and China. Blooms in fall before leaves appear. Bright red funnel-shaped flowers with wavy segments, somewhat like nerines, on



MILLA BIFLORA

stems 12 to 18 inches tall. Free blooming and easily grown. May be left undisturbed for several years in milder climates when it will make fine showy clumps. Should be kept dry in summer.

\$2.50 per 12

25c each

LYCORIS SQUAMIGERA

Sometimes known as "The Blue Amaryllis." Native of China and Japan. Originally introduced into United States as Amaryllis Hallii. Large rosy-lilac flowers on stem 2 to 3 feet high in late summer. Foliage appears in spring, dies in early summer. Hardy under most conditions. Unusually good for naturalizing. Can be left undisturbed for years. Good for cutting. Delivery in fall.

\$10.00 per 12

\$1.00 each

MILLA BIFLORA

New introduction from Mexico where it is called Estrellitas, or Little Stars, by the country people.

Showy white flowers, opening out flat, waxy in texture, about two inches in diameter, with six petals not quite separated. A faint stripe of soft apple green runs from tip to base on the outside of each petal. The stems are wiry, 12 to 18 inches tall, bearing two to seven flowers each. Foliage inconspicuous. Very free blooming from July to September. Flowers cut well and have a pleasant lily-like fragrance. Most attractive both in arrangements and in the garden. The striking hexagonal shape of bud and flower and the regular striping lend a faintly modernistic note that is both attractive and unusual. Should be dug in winter except in milder climates same as gladiolus. Delivery early winter.

\$20.00 per 100

\$2.75 per 12

MORAEA (bulbous)

An interesting group most of which are natives of South Africa, many being new to cultivation. Some are useful for cutting, others for the perennial garden and others still for pot culture and rock gardens. All listed below flower in spring. They show a wide range of colors and vary in height from six inches to three feet. On most of them the foliage is not important. Same culture as for Freesias.

M. bicolor

Habit of M. iridioides, a native of Cape Colony; flowers two inches across, a creamy yellow with pansy brown spots at the throat. Flowers years after year on old flower stems.

Clumps, 35c each—50c each, according to size.

M. glaucopis (Iris pavonia)

Often called Peacock Iris. Flowers white or light blue with peacock eye at base of outer segments. Stems 10 to 15 inches high. Excellent for cutting, forcing, rock gardens and pots.

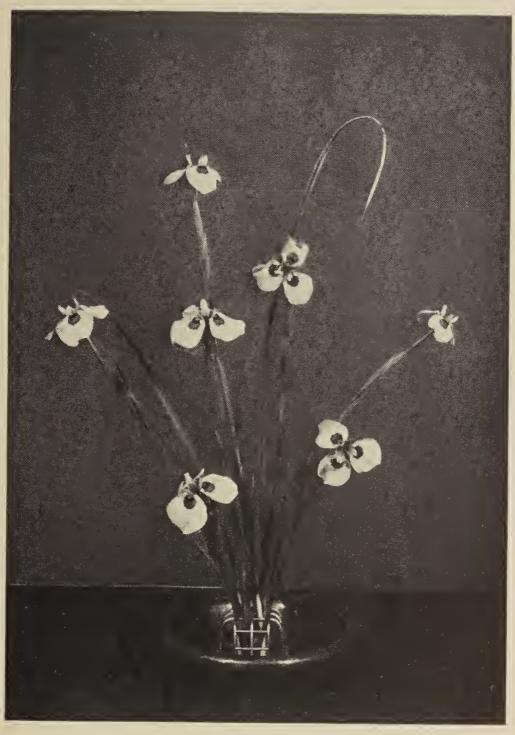
\$5.00 per 50

\$1.50 per 12

M. Iridioides

Well-known and loved in California gardens; flowers to three inches across, white marked with yellow and lavender; flowers every three weeks from February to November.

Clumps, 35c each—50c each, according to size.



MORAEA GLAUCOPIS

M. isopetala

New introduction. Slender well branched plant 6 to 8 inches high. Flowers similar to M. polystachya but lavender in color. Most useful in pots and rock gardens.

M. polystachya

New introduction. Slender plant, 18 to 24 inches high, with many wiry branches. Well covered with flowers looking at a distance like a close group of butterflies. The outer segments of the flowers are like mauve, pencilled with Parma violet, with a bright yellow spot at the base, inner segments light mauve with little pencilling. Flowers six weeks after planting the bulbs and blooms three to four months. Planted in clumps it provides a mass of color over a long period. Ideal pot plant for sunny windows in winter.



MORAEA POLYSTACHYA

NERINE FILIFOLIA

Fall blooming with evergreen thread-like leaves 6 to 8 inches long. Flowers dark pink with narrow wavy segments, pistil and stamens longer than segments, borne six to ten in an umbel on wiry stems 12 to 15 inches tall. Fine for cutting and a real find for rock gardens and edgings for beds. Delivery January to May. Evergreen, needs no resting dry period.

OPHIOPOGON JAPONICUM

Semi-tuberous herbaceous evergreen ground cover. Sun or shade. Hardy in California and New England.

Clumps, 25c each.



NERINE FILIFOLIA

ORNITHOGALUM THYRSOIDES AUREUM

The new orange-yellow Ornithogalum, very striking and desirable. A good pot plant and recommended for greenhouse culture in the East. Hardy out of doors in Southern California.

\$15.00 per 100

\$2.25 per 12

O. thyrsoides lacteum

An old favorite from the Cape of Good Hope. Racemes of 20 to 50 white flowers on stems 12 to 18 inches. Notable for keeping quality after cutting.

\$4.00 per 100

60c per 12

SCHIZOSTYLIS

Kaffir Lily from S. Africa. Rhizomatous roots. Not hardy but soon makes fine clumps in milder climates, blooming in late summer and fall. May



SCHIZOSTYLIS MRS. HEGERTY

be lifted and potted in late summer and, by retarding, flowers may be had over a long period. Likes partial shade and plenty of moisture during the summer. Cuts well. Delivered February to May. Plants for forcing delivered in September.

S. coccinea

Bright red flowers on 18 to 24 inches stems. \$10.00 per 100 \$1.50 per 12

S. Mrs. Hegerty

Recent introduction. Beautiful clear pink flowers on two foot stems.

\$20.00 per 100

\$3.00 per 12

SPARAXIS BULBIFERA

Light yellow, tall growing, very free flowering. \$9.00 per 100 -\$1.25 per 12

SPARAXIS HYBRIDS

Several shades of orange, yellow, purple and cream. Very free blooming over a long period in spring.

\$9.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

SPARAXIS HYBRIDS VAR. BLOEM ERF

Mostly a deep pansy-purple. Very beautiful. \$9.00 per 100 \$1.25 per 12

STERNBERGIA LUTEA

Fall blooming "Crocus" of a clear yellow. Makes a bright border. Flowers 1-4 to a bulb, likes a dry, sunny position. Still very scarce. August delivery.

\$3.00 per 12

30c each

SPREKELIA FORMOSISSIMA. (Jacobean Lily).

Large, showy crimson flowers. Summer blooming. \$3.50 per 12 35c each

STREPTANTHERA CUPREA

Brilliant new Cape bulb; foliage like tritonia; flowers open flat; brilliant orange-red with violet eye. Hardier than freesia and more vivid than sparaxis. Each bulb produces several spikes of bloom; 6 to 8 inches. Spring.

\$10.00 per 100

\$1.50 per 12

TIGRIDIA PAVONIA

Very showy profuse summer bloomers. Flowers often four inches across, brilliant colors on stems 2 to 2½ feet tall. Require treatment given to Gladiolus. Water well in blooming season or plant by water. Separate colors: orange, light pink, rose, scarlet, yellow, white.

Delivery late fall.

\$9.00 per 100 \$1.50 per 12 15c each

TRITELEIA LILACINA

Recommended as pot plant for early spring bloom in the East; good for early spring borders out of doors on Pacific Coast. Dainty star-like flowers, tinted delicate blue to white, on stems four to six inches.

\$4.00 per 100

60c per 12

TRITONIA HYALINA

Flame color with lower half of petal colorless and transparent. Very free flowering. Spring.

\$9.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

TRITONIA NEW HYBRIDS

Good mixture of pinks and salmons. Spring flowering.

\$6.00 per 100

85c per 12

WATSONIAS

New Australian hybrids recommended as finest of this flower group. Tall growers with larger blooms and clearer colors than any previously seen.

Victoria—rosy flame, very large blooms.

Hobart—lilac.

Adelaide—pink, with deeper pink throat.

Sydney—flame orange.

Brighton—magenta.

Lara—pinkish red.

Caulfield—pink lavender.

Portland—shrimp pink.

Clunes—pearly lavender.

Malvern—clear orchid.

Melbourne—clear pink.

Corms, \$2.50 per 12

25c each

WATSONIAS (the best of Mrs. Bullard's hybrids, as follows):

Fanny Lyon—salmon, light in tone. Very tall.

General Pershing—late bloomer, low grower, delicate salmon, rose veins.

Ernest Braunton—deep salmon with smoky shadings on petals. Medium height.

Eunice—shrimp pink with deeper veining, late bloomer, good grower.

Mme. Modjeska—deep magenta, low grower.

Estrella—cream white, tall and airy in growth.

Mauve—late bloomer, tall grower, mauve with white markings, mauve stripe through petals.

Ardernii—best white, very tall.

James McGilvray—deep rose, large flower.

K. O. Sessions—rosy pink with deeper shading, late bloomer. Petals somewhat recurved.

Hazel—rose pink with apricot patina.

Santa Barbara—apricot.

Thodore Payne—late bloomer, brilliant apricot, purple anthers.

Harriott-deep salmon, late bloomer.

Cream Cup—creamy white, low grower.

Mrs. John Scheepers—clear pink with blue anthers.

Los Angeles—light lavendar pink, darker veinings, tall grower.

\$1.50 per 12

15c each

WATSONIA DAZZLER

Hybrid recently introduced from Australia. Brilliant orange red flowers on slightly curved stems feet tall. In milder climates this Watsonia is practically evergreen and blooms profusely during spring and summer, with scattered blooms the rest of the year. Good for cutting and an outstanding addition to the perennial border.

\$4.00 per 12

40c each

SPECIES WATSONIAS

These are evergreen and constant bloomers when planted by pools or the edges of water courses. This is worthy of note for water gardens.

W. angusta, red and scarlet tones.

W. beatricis, a glorious salmon pink.

W. marginata, orchid color, growing to eight feet.

W. meriana, mixed shades of rose, salmon, pale lemon.

W. rosea, mixed shades of rose.

Wordsworthiae, mauve-rose.

\$2.00 per 12

25c each

ZEPHYRANTHES AJAX

Zephyr lily. Similar to Z. candida, but having light yellow flowers on 6 to 8 inch stems. Blooms several times a year if allowed to dry out and then watered. Excellent for pots, rock gardens and borders.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

ZEPHYRANTHES CANDIDA

Flowers white. Glossy evergreen foliage. Blooms in masses. Very effective for borders.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12



ZEPHYRANTHES ROBUSTA

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Large bright pink flowers appearing in late summer on 6 to 10 inch stems. Foliage during winter and spring. The flowers are large enough and stems long enough to be very useful for cutting. Its adaptability to culture in pots, rock gardens and borders makes it a very useful member of a well known group.

\$8.00 per 100

\$1.25 per 12

PERSIMMONS

From mid-October to New Year we ship the finest (Tananashi) variety of Japanese Persimmons, individual fruits weighing from one-half to over one pound each. Their color is vivid orange, and they are striking as holiday decorations. If allowed to get very soft and then chilled before eating, they are of the most delicious flavor. Being basic in their reaction, they can be eaten by many people to whom other fresh fruit is forbidden. So far as we know, we are alone in offering the Tananashi Persimmon commercially.

6 lbs. of our finest fruit anywhere in the United States, prepaid, for \$1.00